

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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As we discussed, at the sacrifice of “readability,” our drafting conventions require me to renumber and amend statutory units wherever possible, rather than repeal and recreate them, both to highlight the specific changes occurring within the statutory unit and to aid those attempting to trace the legislative history of the provision at some point in the future.

The attached draft makes only “technical” modifications to the Legislative Council draft provided. That is, it renumbers and amends most of the statutory units affected (rather than repealing chs. 80 and 81 and creating new provisions), includes a few additional cross-references, scores new text omitted from a couple of the amended provisions included in the Legislative Council draft, and makes some minor grammatical changes. The draft does not make stylistic or substantive changes. This draft is intended to be used as a “base” document, equivalent to the Legislative Council draft provided, so that stylistic and substantive changes in the next draft are more easily recognizable.

Because the method of renumbering and amending “scatters” the text of many provisions that, when they appear in the statutes (and as they appear in the Legislative Council draft), appear as a coherent whole, the Legislative Council notes in the attached draft may not appear in the most desirable location and may need to be relocated or parsed.

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